

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE CONT OF APPLICATION OF  
WERNER HÖLZL ET AL  
APPLICATION NO: 10/281,011  
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FOR: HYDROXYDIPHENYL ETHER  
COMPOUNDS

Group Art Unit: 1621  
Examiner: R. Keys

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Kindly amend this application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fee in order to place the instant application in better condition for examination on its merits.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph insert:

This application is a continuation of Application No. 10/281,011, abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/573,403, abandoned.